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Second report of the General Committee

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 29 October 2008, the General Committee considered a request submitted by the Congo (A/63/233) for the inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-third session of an additional item entitled:

"Recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority".

In that connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Be included in the agenda under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences);

(b) Be considered directly in plenary meeting.

2. At the same meeting, the General Committee also considered a request submitted by Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan (A/63/234) for the inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-third session of an additional item entitled:

"Granting of observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly".

In that connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item:

(a) Be included in the agenda under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters);

(b) Be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

3. Also at the same meeting, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that agenda item 58 (Report of the Human Rights Council) be considered in plenary meeting and in the Third Committee, on the understanding that the Third Committee would consider and act on all recommendations of the

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Human Rights Council to the Assembly, including those that deal with the development of international law in the field of human rights, without prejudice to the right of Member States to present resolutions and decisions on all issues considered in the report of the Council. Taking this recommendation into account, the Assembly, in plenary meeting, would consider the report of the Council on its activities for the year. It is also understood that the current agreement is in no way a reinterpretation of Assembly resolution 60/251 and that it will be reviewed before the beginning of the sixty-fourth session of the Assembly.